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Applicant : Masahiko Sakayori et al.
Serial No. : 09/156,311
For : PARTS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND PARTS
MANAGEMENT METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM
Filed : September 17, 1998
Examiner : F. Backer
Art Unit : 3621

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REQUEST TO CONSIDER PENDING FORMAL MATTERS

On pages 2 and 3 of the Response to Office Action, filed on February 11, 2003, applicants requested that the Examiner consider and clarify certain formal matters. However, upon review of the Office Action of March 24, 2003 responding to this Response, the Examiner has failed to address any of these matters. Applicants, by this paper, again formally request that the Examiner consider and clarify these matters.

For the Examiner's convenience, applicants have quoted below the discussion of the issues previously set forth in the February 11, 2003 Response:

"First, with respect to filing of certified copies of the priority documents for this application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO"), it is noted that such certified copies were filed with the "Amendment in Response to Office Action" filed May 8, 2001 with mail certification with the PTO. A recent printout from the PAIR system, a copy of which

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is attached, appears to confirm that such certified copies were filed with the PTO on May 11, 2001 (see entries numbered 14-16). However, in the Office Action mailed July 30, 2001, the Examiner indicates on the "Office Action Summary" page that "none" of the certified copies of the priority documents were received. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner clarify this inconsistency and notify the undersigned counsel by telephone (212-682-9640) on the status of these documents and confirm the entry thereof.

Second, it is noted that in the same Amendment filed May 8, 2001, the undersigned counsel submitted a "Request for Approval of Drawing Changes" to correct Figures 4 and 25B. (copies of filed papers attached). The enclosed printout from the PAIR system for this application appears to confirm that this Request was also filed with the PTO on May 11, 2001 (see entry numbered 19). However, it does not appear in the Office Actions filed in this application since the Request was filed that these drawing corrections have been approved. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of this Request and indicate whether or not such corrections are approved of by the Examiner.


Third, it is noted that in the Supplemental Office Action mailed June 19, 2002 the reference designated "AX" (Hitachi Groupmax Integrated Desktop Version 2.0) was not initialed by the Examiner as having been reviewed. Accordingly, I have enclosed a copy of the PTO-1449 form that we received from the PTO and would appreciate the Examiner initialing next to this reference and returning the completed form to undersigned counsel as soon as possible."

The Examiner's immediate response to this Request would be greatly appreciated.

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

We are forwarding herewith: Facsimile Transmittal Sheet; Request to Consider Pending Formal Matters in the application of Masahiko Sakayori, et al. for PARTS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND PARTS MANAGEMENT METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM filed September 17, 1998; in Group 3621.

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